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MOSLEM FURY STILL RAGES

All Inhabitants of Several Armenian Villages and Towns Have Been Killed.

VICTIMS NUMBER TEN THOUSAND

Neither Women Nor Spared by the

WORK OF THE REAC

Armenians Are Looking to the Turks for Aid.

AMERICAN WOMEN IN DANGE

Five Missionaries at Hadjin Alone and Relpiess White Surrounding Towns Are Given to Flames.

ALEPPO, Asiatic Turkey, Tuesday, April 2 - The entire population of Kirkian, located between here and Alexandretta, even unto the last babe, has been massacred. The French mission at Ekbaz is be-

the greatest violence. Neither women nor children are spared. The motto of the Moslem is, "No twig of the accursed race plosives, who yesterday afternoon decided might be measure any paragraph in the bill shall be suffered to live."

that city.

The situation in Asiatic Turkey, according to the latest intelligence, is distinctly tians, apparently is spreading generally in the breaking of the jam. through the eastern provinces. More than 19.000 Armenians were massacred in Syrian towns and villages, principally in the vilayet of Adans. One embassy places the estimates of killed as high as 15,900.

The government has sent urgent communds to the vall of Adana that the mobs be put down and the leaders harshly dealt with. The attacks on the Armenians appear to have been instigated solely by the reactionaries.

A disputch received from Mersina dated yesterday says the Armenian town of Hadjin in the northern part of the Adana vilayet, is bessiged by Moslem tribeamen, who are only awaiting sufficient numerical vigorous defense. Up to the present time two persons have been killed at Hadjin. British, French and German vessels of war have arrived at Mersina.

Still Plundering Antioch.

and plundering in the city were still go-Another measure from Tarsus dated

April 20 said the missionaries at Tarsus, which were giving shelter to 3,000 refugees, were well protected. Martial law has been declared and the situation was showing improvement. Five aundred houses had been burned in the Armentan quarter where fifty persons had been killed. Others had been killed in the surrounding villages.

situation of all Americans there to be

dangerous. No mention is made of any casualties. There is great insecurity even in Aleppo, owing to the arrival in the city of bands of feroclous tribesmen. Collective consular representations have been made to the governor general of the district urging him to relieve the situation in the terrorized territory. The governor general promised to do all in his power, but he admitted he was unable to accomplish much as there were only 400 soldiers in the city. The situation in the country north, east and west of Alexandretta arises from the after the money had been recovered. anti-Christian outbreaks and is most seri-There have been massacres and pil-

only 400 Turkish soldiers in the city. Business is at a standstill and there is every reason to fear a serious outbreak. The city is full of Pedouin Arabs. Kurds and Circassians. Towns Sneked and Burned.

The town of Kirtkan, a short distance cast of Belian and southeast of Alexandretra, has been sacked and burned. At Asan, on the west coast of the Gulf of Alexandretta, 418 murderers have been released from prison. They at once joined the mob and began committing depreda-

A! Tursus 100 persons have been killed houses have been burned and there are today 6,600 persons without homes. Several palive pastors from Aintab were killed while on their way to attend the district missionary meeting at Adana.

American Women in Danger. BEIRUT. April 32-Five American women missionaries are in danger at Had-Jin, in the vilayet of Adana, Asiatic Tur-One of them, Miss Lambert has sent rage down to the coast asking for implediate help. The women are entirely fone and defenseless. The villages sur rounding Hadjin are in flames, and Hadin itself is invested by nomad tribes. Messages from the interior are being suppressed by the authorities.

The records of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions show that Miss Virginia A. Billings, Miss Olive M. Vaughan, Miss Emily F. Richter and Mrs. Mary P. Rogers, wife of Rev. D. M. Hogers, who lost his life at Adana, are stationed at Hadjim.

FAIRBANKS

HONOLULU Former Vice President Will Study Covernmental Conditions

in Ocient. HUNGERLE, April 22-Former Friedent Fairbanks arrived here today as the world knows. from San Francisco on board the Japanese comed.

Relief Promised from Floods on

Underflow is Releasing Water Gradually, but Danger Lies in Ice Gorge.

FORT NIAGARA, N. Y., April 21.-An Senator Nelson Insists that These attempt at dynamiting the ice jam here at 12:45 p. m. today was an apparent fallure. Two charges of fifty pounds each were floated under an ice bridge lying between TOO FAR ABOVE RAW WOOL

shore and the head of the jam, but failed to open a channel. espect of relief from the critical condi-

which for several days has threatened fowns along the Niagara river. The ce of the current, crowded with loose DOLLIVER PRECIPITATES DEBATE umps of ice, evidently has ground out a smooth subway for itself beneath the main mass of the floe, for the water in the cellars rose only five inches during the night and recoded an equal distance in the early dawn. The ice plowing the upper banks, uprooting huge trees and pulverizing docks and boat houses, is still polsed on its lofty level, but the middle line of the surface of the floe apparently has dropped a few feet, criticism of the pending tariff bill on the twelve miles in length, and to many places prominent in the senate today, when Senatan village of Deurtyul is surrounded, of tons and a strength powerful enough to ver of lowa attacked various schedules. and according to a messenger who crawled annihilate the four villages along its berall the cities along the Niagara frontier.

The massacres are being carried out with The plan of Henry A. Kunzle, assistant were read today. The Armenians, eccognizing that the ing obtained permission of the state to massacres have been organized and carried carry it out, is first to blow off the head any formal parliamentary procedure. on by adherents of the old Turkish regime, of the ice pack now projecting into Lake are looking to the Young Turks for future Ontario by an enormous charge of dynamite. Other sections will then be succesto advices received here today from Asiatic Turkey, 10,000 Armenians have been Buffalo last night for this purpose and the new duty being three times the amount Turkey, 10,000 Armentans have been are now safe in Youngstown at the mouth levied by the house bill and the present massacred at Adams and in the vicinity of are now safe in Youngstown at the mouth law. of the river.

threatening. The wave of fanaticism which of his 120 men. Captain Nelson, in charge party to keep faith with the people in their originated at Adana some ten days ago and of the lifesaving station at Youngstown, found its expression in the killing of Chris- and his crew of seven men, will also help

End of Coal Fight Expected Soon

Conference Between Lewis and Operators Closes with Better Feeling on Both Sides.

PHILADELPHIA, April 22.-The conferstrength to rush the improvised defenses and the three anthracite district presidents erected by the Armenians. The Armenians, of the Miners' union and the cosl operators, however, are well armed and will put up a begun yesterday, ended today with a better feeling all around. It is expected that next week will see the end of the controversy. At the conclusion of the conference Mr Lewis said the miners had received a proposition which would be laid before the ex-A dispatch from Antioch dated April 19 ecutive boards of three anthracite districts says when the message was filed murder at a meeting to be held in Scranton next Monday, Mr. Lewis said the proposition the operators had made would not affect the price of coal.

Loss of Money Causes Charge

Aleppo, under today's date, reports the David Myers, Whose Fortune Disappeared, Indicted for Not Paying Taxes on It.

> MOUNT VERNON, Ill., April 22.-David Myers, 82 years old, whose fortune of \$53,000 became known when it disappeared from a strong box during a family reunion was fined \$250 yesterday for making faise returns of his personal property in Aidrich bill too high, but that they were failing to report this money for taxation. Myers was indicted by the grand jury

DOLLIVER AND NELSON SPEAK

Niagara River Senators from Iowa and Minnesota Criticise Certain Schedules in Aldrich Tariff Bill,

RATES ON COTTONS AND WOOLENS

Will Stand Material Reduction.

LEWISTON, N. Y., April 21.-There is This Statement Provokes Retort from Mr. Gallinger.

Iowan Charges that Schedules Are So Worded that Large Increases Can He Made in Application of Rates.

WASHINGTON. April 22.-Republican The jam is of appalling proportions. It is ground that the rates were too high was sixty feet in depth, and represents millions for Nelson of Minnesota and Senator Dolli-

Under the guise of discussing the duty on through the Arab lines last night and made der if it should start to go out all at once. gas retorts, a general debate on the tariff his way here for help, the situation there Another element of horror is its pestilential was indulged in by democratic senators, his way here for help, the situation there Another element of horror is its pestilential Senator ability of Texas taking occasion is hopeless. The buildings on the edge of high on the banks, is a week's sewage from to say that the bill was discriminatory town were already in flames when he all the cities along the Niagara frontier.

on a method of procedure, and in the even- might be reverted and be subject to amend-Duty on Gas Retorts.

The consideration of the duty on gas retorts caused an oratorical explosion. The sively separated from the whole and al. Committee on finance had increased the lowed to drift out into the lake. Three rates on these articles from 13, as provided

Captain Mitchell, officer in command at | This course was denounced by Mr. Bailey Fort Niagara, has offered the assistance as evidence of failure of the republican demand for a revision of the tariff downward.

Mr. Aldrich challenged the senator from

Texas to show that the republican party had been pledged to a revision of the tariff Mr. Bailey read from President Taft's inaugural address to show that he had fa-

vored lower duties and Mr. Aldrich responded that the pinding bill proposed to fulfill that pledge absolutely. Mr. Root spoke at length to show that the increased rate on gas retorts was justified by changed conditions, concluding by

saying that if no senator had information on the subject the paragraph should be pasted over. Nelson on Woolen Schedules.

Two republican senators-Nelson of Minota and Dolliver of Iowa-sharply antagonized the senate committee on finance during the consideration of the tariff bill. The first, Mr. Nelson, denounced the measure, declaring that the cotton, glass and woolen schedules were too high. He said that placing duties on woolen manufactured goods 59 per cent higher than the duty on raw wool was unjust. He believed the Mr. Gaillinger, interrupting, referred to the closing of the woolen milis of New Hampthat was the same spirit that had actuated New England in its criticism of any affort to reduce the high rates that had prevailed upon its products. He declared that the hard times of the '30s had come largely from the panic of 1893 and he added;

"All the stagnation from 1894 to 1897 was not owing to the Wilson tariff law. I would no more think of charging the Dingley tariff with the panic of 1907 than I would charge the pante of 1895 to the Wilson bill."

Mr. Nelson said the silver agitation was largely responsible for the panic of 1886. Sharp Criticism by Dolliver. Mr. Dolliver's severe criticism precipitated

lively debat. He declared that not only were the dutiees imposd by the Payneso worded as to result in large increases (Continued on Second Page.)

lage at Antioch and rioting at Bierjek. Sultan's Photographer in Omaha Predicts His Downfall

Two men, at least, in Omaha think they but it will take time at the best are able to venture intelligent views on "Adana, where the big massacre is rethe situation in Turkey and Persia. They ported, is the capital of the province of are K. K. Krikkorial (Gregory) and Rev. Adana, both having the same name. There John Baptist, natives of the orient. The were 4,000 Christian families there and it is latter, a former attache of the sultan's the seat of a Christian college for girls. office force, believes Abdul Hamid will be Tarsus, where I graduated from the St. killed or imprisoned and the young Turks Paul's Institute college, is thirty-five miles will supersede him in power.

"I have a father, a brother and many friends in the country near Adana, father is mayor of the latter town." and I am naturally somewhat worried," declared K. K. Krikkerian (Gregory), an Lincoln by the translated form of the Armenian resident of Omaha. "So far as name, Gregory, is an importer of rugs and I am able to learn, almost anything may jewelry. He was a student at the Univerhe expected to happen in Turkey in Asia, sity of Nebraska for three years. because conditions are utterly anarchic

were slain because of religious prejudice. Men's Christian association. "In two weeks Religious fanaticism still exists, of course, oned, with the young Turks in complete but besides this, there is the restlessness sway, or else European powers will have which comes of the political uncertainty in stepped in and taken charge of affairs. mental authority.

districts who has a few followers feels he was formerly court photographer that there is an opportunity for piliage Abdul Hamid and is acquainted with the and rapine and all are striving to make principal actors in the drama now going use of these opportunities.

"The outlook for the immediate future that there will be much bloodshed before at least is not bright for Turkey in Asia. the crisis is over," he asserted. "If the The Turks there are far less civilised than young Turks have united with the fanatics, their compatriots in Europe. The army in as asserted by the latest dispatches, there Europe is, of course, controlled by the is the gravest danger for all Christians." young Turks, who are liberals, while the While a clergyman, Mr. Baptist is going Asiatic army is as bigoted as can be and home to practice as a physician, believing completely under the control of the ulemahs, that his people need his services as a doctor Vice as fanatical a lot of Mohammedan priests in greater degree than as a minister. Mr

"Ultimately, with a strong liberal gov- colleges. His father and mother, whom he liner, Chiye Maru. He was warmly wel- ernment in the capital, conditions will im- has not seen for eighteen years, live at prove through the whole Turkish dominion. Pontus, in Asia Minor.

away in one direction, and Sis, our family home, is thirty-five miles in another. My

Krikkorlan, who is known in Omaha and

"The end must come soon," said Rev John Baptist, a noted Armenian lecturer, "It is not like the Armenian massacres who was in Omaha Thursday visiting of the past, when thousands of our people Religious Director Crossman of the Young The situation is more complicated now, the suitan will be either killed or impris-Constantinople and the lack of govern- This latter would be by far the most desirable consummation.

"Every tribal chieftain in the country Mr. Baptist speaks with authority, for on by the Bosphorus. "There is a chance Bantist is a graduate of three American



Roosevelt Party Leaves Mombasa for Pease Born

HUNT THERE FOR A WEEK

Americans Are Given Dinner by Acting Governor and Receive Message of Welcome from King Edward.

MOMBASA, April 22.-Theodore Roosevelt schedule would stand material reduction. and the members of his party left here on a special train at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for Kapiti Plains station, whence the prima donna in 1899, in the "Singing shire by the low rates of the Wilson tariff they will be conveyed to the ranch of Sir bill. Mr. Nelson energetically declared that Alfred Pease for their first shooting trip. The party is accompanied by F. J. Jackson, acting governor of the protectorate. Before leaving Mr. Roosevelt telegraphed to King Edward, thanking him for the message of greeting read by Mr. Jackson at the dinner given in Mr. Roosevelt's honor at the Mombasa club last night. The party probably will remain at the ranch for one week, making it the base for shooting expeditions and then move

Mr. Roosevelt, his son Kermit, Edmund Heller, F. C. Selous and R. F. Cuninghame, the general manager of the expedition, were entertained at dinner last night by th members of the Mombasa club, The acting governor of the protectorate, F. J. prises in which Williams was interested. Jackson, in proposing the health of Mr. Roosevelt read the following telegram to be given to Perley when it should have from King Edward: "I bid you a hearty welcome to British the stock.

East Africa, and I trust that you will have a pleasant time and meet with every

Leaves Big Stick at Home. Continuing, Mr. Jackson said Mr. Roose velt had left "the big stick" at home and after seven strenuous years as president of the United States had come to Africa to make use of the rifle. In conclusion he promised the distinguished visitor an mmense variety of game and good sport When Mr. Roosevelt rose to reply he was (Continued on Second Page.)

You will remember that Sherlock Holmes, in the Conan Doyle stories, was constantly finding out things through newspaper advertise ments. The want ads tell many things.

Many people claim that this page is of more interest to them than any other in the paper. The fact that the advertisements are classified alphabetically makes them a greater convenience as a source of information.

Have you read the want adm yet

TEDDY OFF FOR LIONS' LAIR Suit Over Losses of Miss Nielsen

California Turiman Sues Manager for Half of Expense of Staring the Singer.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.-Alice Neilsen, the singer; Thomas H. Williams, president of the New California Jockey club and Frank L. Perley, well known theat rical manager, figure in a case in the

United States circuit court here. The latest development is Perley's answe to the suit filed by Williams to recover \$20,000, half the expense incurred in starring

Perley declared that he was not a partner n the venture, but was employed at a salary of \$100 a week to manage Miss Nielsen's tours, and exhibits his contract with Williams to prove the assertion. The manager also relates the circumstances attending the withdrawal of Williams from Miss Nielsen's financial support. This event took place at the close of the first season. According to Perley, the turfman told him that he was willing to back other theatrical ventures, but would require him to sever his connection with Miss Nielsen, in consideration for which Perley was to receive 100 shares in the New Carifornia Jockey club and about \$15,000 worth of stock in Mexican enter-The agreement was that the stock was drawn dividends equal to par value of

The theatrical man, in his answer to Williams' sult, asks that the stocks be delivered to him together with the div-

COMMOTION IN HAINS CAMP

Not Now Insane. CENSURED BY ATTORNEY tal days.

Statement Credited to Him-Two More Jacors Are Secured.

William E. Annis by Dr. L. S. Manson, approximately 9 cents under the high price an alienist retained by the defense, who of last Friday. declared that in his opinion Captain Hains was not insane at the present time and proof that the defendant was insane at the time of the shooting.

The physician was severely censured by the Hains lawyers for expressing this opinion and afterwards partly denied having made the statement credited to John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for the

allenists were of the opinion that did not agree with them. the five already in the box.

Philadelphia-Gulf Line.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 22. The flurry, Mr. Patten so characterized it, and Philadelphia and Gulf Steamship company. which is to operate a line of steamers between New Orleans and Philadelphia will begin service July 1. The line will give a weekly service and 4,000 tons weekly.

Daughters Put Restraint Aside in Battle of Ballots

WASHINGTON, April 21.-All was sus- | John F. Swift, California. pense tonight among the Daughters of the No especial contest was made of American Revolution over the result of nominations for the other offices. he election of a president general and late in the afternoon and tonight the tellers were engaged in the prodigious task ours and the possibilities are they will not | its doors. be able to submit their report until morn-

The day was one of intense excitement The bare mention of the names of Mrs. Story and Mrse. Scott, the anti-administration and administration candidates, respectively, for president general, " was enough to set the great gathering into a state of pandemonium. The delegates and visitors threw aside all semblance of restraint and in many ways displayed partisanship. The nominating speeches were replete with oratory and flery spirit and gave every evidence that the contest was a battle royal. There was no suggestion of ditterness of feeling, however,

There were but two candidates put for-There are ten retiring vice presidents

nation: Mrs. Alexander E. Pattoo, Penn. to behave like ladies do. ylvania; Mrs. Edward Orton, jr., Obio; ler, Indiana; Mrs. Wailace Detafield, Mis-George M. Sternberg. District of Columbia; ward C. Gregory, North Carolina, and Mrs. balloting began.

No especial contest was made over the

Even before the nominations were made other officers today. The balloting began today the rival candidates for president the Patter liquidation of the Patter line of general felt it was all over but the shouting. When the congress was called to ditions. of counting votes. This may take many order the great auditorium was packed to

A minute or two before the congress was called to order Mrs. Storey, the "insurgent" candidate for president-general, appeared in the hall and was greeted with oud applause. For the first time during the congress women cheered. While this ovation was at its height Mrs. Scott, the the boxes. Immediately her adherents cheered wildly. Mrs. Scott stood up and waved her hand in acknowledgment.

Preliminary to announcement that nominations were in order, Mrs. McLean made a brief speech, which set the Daughters in good humor. She held up a gavel, presented last year by a Minnesota chapter ward for vice president general in charge made from an Indian pipe of peace. "That of chapters. Mrs. Amos J. Draper, the ad- is the reason I use it today," she said, ministration candidate, and Mrs. Miranda amid laughter. She added that she wished B. Fulloch, the "insurgent" or Story can. everyone to understand, "that this house is in entire harmony. There should be no personal feeling anywhere. We are a body neral and the following were put in nom- of American gentlewomen and we are going

Mrs. John C. Ames of Illinois placed Mrs Mrs. Charles B. Bryan, Tennessee; Mrs. A. Scott in nomination. Mrs. Charles H. Mas-A. Kendall, Maine; Mrs. James M. Pow- ury of Massachusetts placed Mrs. Storey in nomination. There were many seconding souri; Mrs. John Campbell, Colorado; Mrs. speeches, all limited to two minutes each. Nominating speeches for the other candi-Mrs. Tod Helmuth, New York; Mrs. Ed- dates for office then were made and the

BIG BREAK IN PRICE OF WHEAT

May and July Each Drop Over Four Cents, Making Total of Nine Cents for Week.

NEWS FAVORS BEARS

Heavy Foreign Shipments and Good Crop Prospects Cause Selling.

MANY TRADERS BANKRUPTED Followers of Big' Bull See Their

PATTEN TAKES TO THE WOODS

Fortunes Wiped Out.

that He Has Unloaded Cannot He Verified-His Parts ners Say Real Struction is Unchanged.

CHICAGO, April 23.-That James A Patten, halled throughout the country as the "wheat king," has withdrawn from the market after disposing of his heavy holdings of May and July wheat, was asserted in many quarters here today. To this assertion was added the fact that prices have tumbled over 9 cents during the last week, and that Patien has sought rest in New Mexica.

Whether he has eliminated himself from the so-called "deal," and if so, whether he came out with profit or loss, are questions which can be answered only by Mr. Patten himself.

Those who read the dispatches from Colorado anent the discouraging reception met by a reporter who tried to interview the big speculator at Trinidad between trains. expressed the opinion that this answer seemed unlikely to be forthcoming. The session of the Board of Trade was

sensational today. Bulls had expected that after the 6 cent decline of the two previous sessions a recovery would ensue. Taking the Patten view of a big crop shortage as correct and wheat intrinsically worth all that has been paid for it. in a purely speculative way the reaction was Heavy Selling Breaks Prices.

But the first quotations were a startling isappointment to the bulls. From nearly every point came reports of normal, or evin better, crop prospects. Liverpool prices were down and the shipments from Argentine. Australia and other foreign countries were said to be greater than usual at this tife of the year.

Bears filled the wheat pit in a dense mass, and like an eruptive volcano, poured forth a swollen stream of wheat. Longs liquidated all along the line, and the execution of stop loss orders added to the con-

Frequently it was impossible to make a Alienist for Defense Says Captain is sale within three-quarters of a cent of the price designated by the customer to the broker.

The Patten vortex of other and more bullpoured seemingly without affecting its appetite, was not in evidence. It was a Later He Partly Denied Making the tremendous liquidating market, and Patten might have been buying secretly through others than his own house. From him there has come no word that he has changed his views as to the value of wheat He called May wheat cheap at \$1.29, and FLUSHING, N. Y., April 22 .- A com- if he still thinks so, it is pointed out that otion was caused in the camp of the the same option at \$1.21 today was an defense today at the trial of Captain excellent investment. The same was said Peter C. Hains, ir., for the murder of of July at \$1.00%. These prices were

Small Speculators Bankrapted. While Mr. Patten, quoted as saying he that the defense did not intend to raise was fleeing from reporters, was making such an issue, but would rest with the for the ranch of his friend and partner. W. H. Bartlett, just over the Colorado line in New Mexico, dejection was pictured on the face of many a small speculator haunting the ticker in various brokerage houses. Many a fortune has been wiped out by the decline this week, and many a man who had a handsome profit on paper, but defense, admitted that two of their still hung on for more, now confronts a the deficit. There are many such. The wide prisoner was now sane, but he said he publicity given the market brought into it many a man who ordinarily walked in Two new jurors were added today to quieter paths. Even the "regulars" for the most part followed the buil leader with unusual enthusiasm, and until today saw nothing further in the declines than a

> margins became exhausted, and there was no longer a reserve to draw on Runs Away from Newspapers. They would have liked very much to now whether Mr. Patten had left orders secretely to make further purchases at the oncession in prices. In the absence of such information, however, Mr. Patten's absence in a section of the country where he will not be much troubled by either reporters or questions, and the utter weakness indicated by today's decline, gave rise to gloomy hints that "Patten was well out of They went so far as to declare that present slump in prices was due to

his word was accepted. They held to the

limit of their resources, and today were

wiped off the speculative slate when their

wheat, rather than to improved crop con-It is admitted that this supposition may be absolutely wrong. Mr. Patten's ire against reporters was largely due to published references to himself as a manipulator of the market, the engineer of a great corner of the world's stape food. He smarted under such terms to a degree unusual to most men. He was in his office "administration" candidate entered one of but in his conversation he had much less when the decline began to took serious, to say about the market than about the alleged erroneous statements made cen-

cerning himself in the newspapers. 'It's a fact that he ran away from the newspapers," said one of his friends today. "He wasn't runing a corner and published statements to the wore him out. He is looking for rest and he ought to find it, for Mr. Bartlett's ranch comprises some 200,000 acres and no pince on it is there a re-

"Has he sold his wheat?" Patten Expects Vindication.

I don't know; I doubt it. He can well afford to hold his line, for the pinch was not expected until the shortage began really to be felt in June and July. He expected a high price then and expected to market his wheat when his position on the crop had been vindicated." At this point in the conversation a third party remarked that "to a man up a tree" it began to look like a vindica-